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TAGS: PDIP, ABLD, ASEC, UR, US
SUBJECT: U.S. DIPLOMAT SHOVED BY MILITIA AT EMBASSY
ENTRANCE

1. HAL BURMAN OF STATE DEPARTMENT'S LEGAL ADVISOR'S
OFFICE WAS SHOVED THREE OR FOUR TIMES BY MILITIAMAN
ON DUTY AT NORTH VEHICULAR ENTRANCE TO U.S. EMBASSY
AT APPROXIMATELY 4:20 P.M. JULY 27. BURMAN (WHO
HAS DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT) APPROACHED EMBASSY ON FOOT
IN COMPANY OF STATE DEPARTMENT INTERPRETER IGOR
KOZAK (OFFICIAL PASSPORT). MILITIAMAN ASKED FOR
DOCUMENTS. WHEN BURMAN REPLIED THAT HE WAS U.S.
DIPLOMAT AND WORKED IN EMBASSY, MILITIAMAN STEPPED
AGGRESSIVELY TOWARD HIM AND STOOD DIRECTLY IN
FRONT OF HIM. BURMAN AND KOZAK AGAIN EXPLAINED WHO
THEY WERE, THE FORMER IN ENGLISH, THE LATTER IN
RUSSIAN. THE MILITIAMAN SHOVED BURMAN THREE OR
FOUR TIMES DESPITE THE PROTESTS OF BOTH MEN. AN
EMBASSY DRIVER APPROACHED AND CONFIRMED THAT THE
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AMERICANS WORKED IN THE EMBASSY, BUT THE MILITIAMAN
IGNORED HIM. ANOTHER MILITIAMAN APPROACHED, PUT
HIS ARM ON THE FIRST ONE'S SHOULDER AND GESTURED
FOR THE AMERICANS TO ENTER. THE FIRST MILITIAMAN
PUT OUT HIS ARM TO STOP THEM AND ONLY CEASED HIS
BELIGERENT BEHAVIOR WHEN THE SECOND MILITIAMAN
LITERALLY DRAGGED HIM TO ONE SIDE. BURMAN PROTESTED

SHOVING VERBALLY, BUT DID NOT RESPOND PHYSICALLY TO THE PROVOCATION.

2. BURMAN AND KOZAK, WHO HAVE BEEN ON TDY AT EMBASSY SINCE JULY 2 FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR NEW CHANCERY, RECOGNIZED BOTH MILITIAMEN AS PERSONS WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ON DUTY WHEN THEY ENTERED BUILDING WITHOUT HINDERANCE. KOZAK LATER ASKED MILITIAMAN FOR HIS NAME AND WAS ANSWERED WITH RUDE REMARK.

3. EMBASSY PLANS TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT TO DELIVER STIFF PROTEST ON THIS INCIDENT JULY 27 AND RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT DO LIKEWISE.

4. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS BY SEPTEL. TOON

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